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SUBJ: FIVE INDICTED IN PRISONER'S DEATH

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1. LOCAL MEDIA REPORT THAT FIVE POLICE OFFICERS ATTACHED TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (CID) WERE INDICTED MARCH 17 IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF BAHAMIAN PRISONER WHILE IN CID CUSTODY DECEMBER 19, 1974. POLICE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER, CAUSING DANGEROUS HARM AND CAUSING GRIEVOUS HARM.

2. POLICEMEN CHARGED BEFORE CHIEF MAGISTRATE AND RELEASED ON \$3,000 BAIL EACH. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO CHARGES BEFORE MAGISTRATE WILL COMMENCE MARCH 19. FIVE REPRESENTED JOINTLY BY EX-FNM LEADER CECIL WALLACE-WHITFIELD AND PLP SENATOR PERRY CHRISTIE, WHO SOURCES PREDICT WILL PRESENT A "FREE-WHEELING" DEFENCE OF THE ACCUSED.

3. PLP MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OSCAR JOHNSON SCHEDULED MARCH 19 TO REQUEST SELECT COMMITTEE LOOK INTO TWO UNRELATED CASES OF ALLEGED POLICE "BRUTALIZATION" OF PRISONERS WHILE IN CID CUSTODY.  
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